

5. This makes known the wonderfully beautiful and inspiring (solar radiance) at the appearance of the dawns, whose dwelling is the firmament: this mighty (*Sama*) has sustained the heaven with a powerful support, the sender of rain, the leader of the winds.

6. Hero, IKDRA, who art the slayer of foes in con- Varga xxxi. tests for (the acquirement of) treasures, drink boldly from the pitcher: drink copiously at the noon-day rite: receptacle of riches, bestow riches upon us.

7- Like one who goes before us, INDRA, (on the road), look out,¹ bring before us infinite wealth; be our conductor beyond the bounds (of want), convey us safely over (peril); be our careful guide, our guide to desirable (affluence).

7. Do thou, INDRA, who art wise, conduct us to the spacious world (of heaven), to a blessed state of happiness, light, and safety: may we recline in the graceful, protecting, and mighty arms of thee the ancient one.

8. Place us, possessor of riches, in thy ample chariot, (behind) thy powerful horses: bring to us from among all viands the most excellent food: let not, MAGHAVAN, any opulent man surpass us in wealth.

10 Make me happy, INDRA; be pleased to prolong my life: sharpen my intellect like the edge of an iron sword: whatsoever desirous (of propitiating) thee, I

viously designed confusion between the *Sma* plant, and *Soma*, the moon.

¹ *Pra nah pura eteva pasya*, like one who is preceding us, look: the scholiast says, look after the travellers under the charge of the *mdrgara/tahaka*, the protector of

the road, an
escort, or, possibly, the leader of a *kdfila*, may be
intended.